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**MAYOR PEREZ WELCOMES AREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
TO FAIR AT THE LEARNING CORRIDOR**

Hartford, CT – In following one of the recommendations made by his Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education, Mayor Eddie A. Perez will hold an independent schools fair for sixteen (16) area schools. The event will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 1 to 3 PM, at the Commons Building in the Learning Corridor. Mayor Perez stated, “This is an opportunity for Hartford students and their families to learn about the area private schools and what they offer. ”

“The Mayor’s commitment to Hartford students and their families is a testament to his belief in the transforming power of education. The Watkinson family applauds Mayor Perez’ efforts and his commitment to bring public and independent schools together in their effort to provide diverse opportunities for Hartford students,” stated John Bracker, Headmaster of the Watkinson School. Participating schools are:

Avon Old Farms School  
Choate Rosemary Hall  
East Catholic High School  
Ethel Walker School  
Kingswood-Oxford School  
Mercy High School  
Miss Porter's School  
Northwest Catholic High School

St. Paul Catholic High School  
Suffield Academy  
The Hotchkiss School  
The Loomis Chaffee School  
The Master's School  
Watkinson School  
Westminster School  
Xavier High School

Already in its implementation stage, earlier this year Mayor Perez launched an aggressive initiative to ensure that Hartford children receive a quality education that will help them earn a Bachelor’s degree and secure their future economic success. The Blue Ribbon Commission was co-chaired by Superintendent Robert Henry and Connecticut State University System Vice-Chancellor Estela Lopez.